

## Message

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**Subject:** RE: Letter from Senators Duckworth and Durbin requesting assistance for Centreville, Illinois

Thank you, I appreciate it!

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I totally agree. Not only Centreville but all of the Metro East cities that have been subjected to the flooding and sewage problems for decades. I continue to work with ESTL and was able to bring in partners (HeartLands Conservancy, SIUE, SIUC and others) to work together on these issues. HeartLands, the largest environmental organization in Metro East, has a meeting this evening with the Centreville residents to discuss the watershed planning proposal they prepared for ESTL, Centreville and the other surrounding cities. They also have reached out to ESTL, Centreville, Cahokia, St. Clair County, Sierra Club and United Congregations of the Metro East for letters of support.

SIUE Professor Rohan Benjaker is partnering with HeartLands on the grant proposal to do a watershed/stormwater model and is contributing a significant match to the project. The National Great Rivers Research and Education Center (NGRREC) through Lewis and Clark Community College is also participating in stream health and water quality analysis and also contributing a match. HeartLands subcontractor MidWest Streams will analyze the stream conditions. HeartLands is working to identify other funders for the remaining 45,000 in match.

Janette Marsh, Water Division, has been very instrumental at our meetings in discussing watershed projects and CWA 319 planning grant from IEPA for this project due on 8/1. Alan Walts, Kathy Triantafillou, Maryann Suero, Estrella Calvo, Dean Maraldo and Joan Rogers has also participated on the calls with me in discussing the proposal. While HeartLands will be applying for the CWA planning grant, SIUC Professor Kalra is preparing two proposal, one to assist in the watershed project and the other on the Marybelle/Summit Avenue flooding in ESTL. This grant is called the "Leading Engineering for America's Prosperity, Health and Infrastructure" from the National Science Foundation.

Btw, HeartLands met and submitted the watershed planning proposal to Duckworth's staff who informed them they would provide a letter of support as well as speak to other local officials about supporting the effort, in addition to the other significant issues in Centreville.

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You're welcome. I'm hopeful that this letter will bring attention to the challenges facing the Centreville community.

I hope you and your loved ones are well,

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Hi Ronna,

Thanks for sharing.

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**Subject:** FW: Letter from Senators Duckworth and Durbin requesting assistance for Centreville, Illinois

Please find attached a new letter from the Illinois senators requesting EPA's assistance helping Centreville, Illinois with its longstanding flooding and sewer challenges. The letter will be assigned to Water Division for response, but I expect that ECAD will provide input.

Please share this with anyone I've missed and let me know if you have any questions,

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Hi Ronna,

Hope all is well with you and your family. On behalf of Senators Duckworth and Durbin, please find a letter to Regional Administrator Thiede requesting his assistance for Centreville, Illinois.

Best,  
Radha